crores and the cost of Golden Quadrilateral protion is Rs. 25,000 crores (at 2000 prices).

World Bank funding for development of NHs

†1951. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has provided funds for the development and extension of National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where the amount received from World Bank has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank has sanctioned two loans amounting to US $ 516 million and US $ 589 million for Third National Highway project and Grand Trunk Road Improvement project respectively.

(c) The loan will be utilised for strengthening and widening of National Highway-2 to 4-lanes in Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar.

Declaration of National Highways in Karnataka

1952. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the request of the Karnataka Government to declare Bidar-Srirangapatnam, Jewargi-Sankeswar and Kalala-Raichur in Karnataka as National Highways, has been pending for the last two years; and

(b) if "so, by when these roads are likely to be declared as National Highways?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.